

CITY OF LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF HEALTH

April 7, 2021

Phone-Participants
Lisa Golden, Acting Chairperson
William Galvin, III, Board Member
Kathleen Cullen-Lutter, Board Member
Erin Gendron, Board Member
Joanne Belanger, HHS Director
Jo-Ann Keegan, COVID-19 Clinic and Vaccine Manager
Shawn Machado, Sr. Sanitary Code Inspector

The meeting of the City of Lowell Board of Health was called to order at 6:01 PM by Acting Chairperson Lisa Golden.

4/7/2021 - Minutes

1. NEW BUSINESS

1.l. Conference Call Log-In Information

1.II. For Acceptance: Minutes of the March 3, 2021 Board of Health Meeting Motion: to accept the minutes as corrected made by Erin Gendron, seconded by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter. All in favor.

1.III. <u>For Review:</u> Application for 2021 Beach Permit for the Rynne Beach submitted by Peter Faticanti, Program Director

Health and Human Services Director Joanne Belanger and Recreation Program Director/Planner Peter Faticanti spoke to the Board about opening Rynne Beach and the pools at the two Commons this summer. The MOU with the Commonwealth is in the process of being finalized. Mr. Faticanti informed the Board that the Recreation Department is planning to have certified lifeguards at the three locations.

<u>Motion:</u> to approve the 2021 Beach Permit for Rynne Beach made by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter, seconded by Erin Gendron.

VOTE:

Lisa Golden: yes Kathleen Cullen-Lutter: yes Erin Gendron: yes William Galvin: yes Motion passes 4-0

Mr. Faticanti spoke to the Board about additional summer programs and sites.

1.IV. For Review: Monthly Development Services Report Submitted By Senior Sanitary Code Inspector Shawn Machado

Senior Sanitary Code Inspector Shawn Machado reviewed the reports with the Board. Mr. Machado also spoke to the Board about the possibility of Cottage Industry permits for home kitchens as there have been some inquires.

1.V. <u>For Review:</u> Tobacco Control Monthly Report Submitted By Cesar Pungirum, Program Director The Board accepted and placed on file.

<u>Motion:</u> to take 0000000000000Agenda Item **2.11** <u>Update on Vaccination Clinics</u> out of order made by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter, seconded by William Galvin. All in favor.

2.II. <u>Update:</u> Vaccination Clinics by Jo-Ann Keegan, COVID Clinic/Vaccine Manager Agenda item taken out of Order after Section 1.V. Tobacco Control Report

Jo-Ann Keegan, COVID-19 Clinic and Vaccine Manager, spoke the Board regarding the City's ongoing efforts as well as programs being run by Lowell General Hospital, CVS, Walgreens, and the Lowell Community Health Center. Ms. Keegan informed the Board that the Health Department as of this point in time, has done close to 8,000 vaccinations at the Senior Center with a max of 300 vaccines given a day. Additionally, Ms. Keegan informed the Board that the Commonwealth's Homebound Vaccination program has been implemented and appointments can be scheduled through the hotline [833-983-0485]. Also, a mobile clinic initiative run by the Commonwealth is starting in the city next week and it will rotate through various neighborhoods in an attempt to reach underserved city neighborhoods. Ms. Keegan commented that just over 37,000 residents have been vaccinated. Acting Chairperson Lisa Golden inquired if there was a way to track which neighborhood residents are getting to the available clinics so the van could be sure to go to the underserved ones. HHS Director Belanger indicated that she was working with Public Health Nurse Supervisor Nicole Chauncey to look at the demographics to see if there are any vaccine deserts.

Motion: to return to the agenda made by William Galvin and Erin Gendron. All in favor.

1.VI. Body Art Apprentice - New

The Board discussed the application and determined that all requirements must be met prior to the issuance of the license.

<u>Motion:</u> to approve the Body Art Apprentice License for Paul Bohl contingent upon receipt of Mr. Bohl's third Hepatitis B vaccination made by William Galvin, seconded by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter. All in favor.

1.VII. Animal Inspector Nominations For 2021

HHS Director Belanger spoke to the Board regarding the nominations of the Animal Inspector being made by the Board of Health. Director Belanger recommended proceeding at this time and she will research the issue and determine if a correction will need to be made in the future.

Motion: to accept and approve the Animal Inspector Nominations for 2021 made by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter, seconded by Erin Gendron. All in favor.

1.VIII. 2021 Funeral Director's Licenses

<u>Motion:</u> to accept and approve the 2021 Funeral Director's Licenses made by William Galvin, seconded by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter. All in favor.

1.IX. <u>For Review:</u> Trinity EMS, Inc. Reports and Notifications Submitted by Jon Kelley The Board accepted the reports and placed on file.

1.X. For Review: City Of Lowell Yearly Operational Report

The Board accepted the report and placed on file.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.I. Update: COVID-19

HHS Director spoke to the Board regarding the increase of COVID-19 cases within the city and COVID Pool testing in the schools/protocols for a positive pool test.

2.II. <u>Update:</u> Vaccination Clinics by Jo-Ann Keegan, COVID Clinic/Vaccine Manager Agenda item taken out of Order after Section 1.V Tobacco Control Report

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

3.I. <u>Divisional and Departmental Reports</u>

The Board accepted the Divisional Reports and placed on file after commenting on the amount of syringes being collected by the Syringe Collection Program.

HHS Director Belanger updated the Board on ongoing employee hiring and grant applications.

4. Motion: To Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn at 7:22 PM made by William Galvin, seconded by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter. All in favor.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH WILL BE ON MAY 5, 2021 AT 6:00 PM.

